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JEALOUSY, THE GREEN-EYED MONSTER OF HATE, ONCE AGAIN REARS ITS UGLY HEAD TO INSPIRE THIS MOST PASSIONATE EPIC OF SUDDEN DEATH, "THE PHANTOM OF NOTRE DAME"... SO LETS TURN THE PAGE AND JOIN BART HILL (ALIAS DAREDEVIL) AT THE METROPOLIS STUDIOS IN HOLLYWOOD, AS HE CALLS UPON ACADEMY AWARD WINNER, BRENDA BRONSON.....

BART HILL, ALIAS DAREDEVIL VISITS THE FAMOUS METROPOLIS STUDIOS... OUR STORY BEGINS ON STAGE 3 WHERE THE BEAUTIFUL STAR BRENDA BRONSON IS AT WORK... ON THE LONG-AWAITED PICTURE "THE PHANTOM OF NOTRE DAME!"

HIYA, BEAUTIFUL! AREN'T YOU THE GLAMOROUS BRENDA BRONSON?

UM HUM! ...AND YOU ARE LIEUTENANT ER...

HILL, LIEUTENANT BART HILL, MISS BRONSON THE BOYS ELECTED ME TO COME HERE AND ASK IF YOU'D APPEAR WITH RENE VENGE AT OUR CAMP NEXT SATURDAY!

AT THAT MOMENT THE PERSON WHOM THEY ARE SPEAKING ABOUT THE FAMOUS CHARACTER STAR, RENE VENGE IS MOVING TOWARD THEM, HIS FACE WHITE WITH JEALOUSY...



HEY! WHAT SCENE IS THIS?

LISTEN, PUNK! JUST 'CAUSE YOU GOT A UNIFORM ON, DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN SPEAK TO ANY GIRL YOU FANCY!

YOU HALF-BAKED HAM, I'LL SMACK YOU SO HARD, YOUR FANS WILL FEEL IT!

PLEASE MR. HILL! HE DIDN'T MEAN IT! RENE, YOU APOLOGIZE! THE LIEUTENANT WAS ASKING IF WE WOULD MAKE AN APPEARANCE AT HIS CAMP DANCE!

MR. REID

SORRY, YOU SEE, I'M A BIT JEALOUS OF BRENDA. SHE DRAWS MEN LIKE FLIES. I'D KILL ANYONE WHO TRIED TO TAKE HER AWAY FROM ME! COME ON, LET'S SHAKE!

OKAY, BUT YOU WANT TO WATCH YOURSELF!

I HOPE YOU CHANGE WHEN WE'RE MARRIED, RENE!

WHAT'S HOLDING YOU UP, RENE? THEY'RE WAITING FOR YOU TO TRY ON YOUR COSTUME IN THE MAKE-UP DEPARTMENT!

I'M THE STAR OF THE PICTURE! THEY'LL WAIT AN' LIKE IT!

YOUR WHOLE MAKE-UP HAS BEEN TESTED! IT'S HARMLESS IF ONLY LEFT ON FOR A HALF HOUR EACH DAY! ANY LONGER IS FATAL! IT WOULD RUPTURE YOUR VERTIBRAE AND LEAVE YOU A HOPELESS CRIPPLE!

YOU'RE THE DOCTOR! YOU OUGHT TO KNOW! I HOPE MY PUBLIC REALIZES THE RISK I'M TAKING FOR THEM, AND \$100,000!



BY THE WAY, TONY, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE BEST MAN AT MY WEDDING THIS AFTERNOON? YOU KINDA GO FOR BRENDA YOURSELF DON'T YOU?

I HEAR YOU'RE USING THE CHURCH ON THE SET FOR THE BIG EVENT! WOW, THIS THING WEIGHS A TON!

TOO BAD FOR YOU TONY BUT BRENDA'S A SMART GIRL! WELL, WHAT DO YOU SAY ABOUT BEING BEST MAN?... I MIGHT EVEN LET YOU KISS THE BRIDE!

THIS IS A MASTER-PIECE OF MAKE-UP! I'LL BET YOU WISH I LOOKED LIKE THIS ALL THE TIME!! HEY, WHERE'RE YOU GOIN'?

I DON'T SEE MUCH DIFFERENCE! GET SOME-ONE ELSE TO GET YOU OUT OF THAT STRAIGHT-JACKET!! I'M QUITTING AS OF RIGHT NOW!

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DOOR IS LOCKED ON THE OUTSIDE LEAVING RE-NE' VENGE IN A SOUND PROOF ROOM.....

Click

?

TONY!! OPEN THIS DOOR!! YOU FOOL!! YOU CAN'T GET AWAY WITH IT!!

AS THE HOURS DRAG BY:

OWWW! MY BACKS BROKEN!! I'M A HOPELESS CRIPPLE!! I'LL GET OUT OF HERE, AND WHEN I DO, I'LL KILL HIM!! I'LL KILL HIM! (PUFF PUFF)

IT'S TIME FOR THE WEDDING BUT THE GROOM DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANYWHERE AROUND!

THIS BIRD LOOKS LIKE HE'S CARRYING THE TORCH FOR BRENDA!

I JUST HAD TO SAY GOODBYE TO YOU!! I'LL WAIT TILL YOUR HERO GETS HERE, THEN, I'M GOING FOR GOOD!

I'M SORRY TONY!!



HOW MUCH LONGER ARE YOU GOING TO WAIT? HE'S TWO HOURS LATE ALREADY! FORGET HIM, BRENDA!! MARRY ME!! WE'LL ELOPE!! I'LL MAKE YOU HAPPY!

OKAY, BUT WHY ELOPE?... EVERYTHING'S READY HERE, KEEP ME WAITING AT THE CHURCH, WILL HE?... I'LL SHOW HIM!



'AT'S A TOO BAD-A! SPITE MARRIAGE, HE'S NEVER WORK OUT!

A GIRL WITH ANY SENSE AT ALL OUGHTA KNOW BETTER THAN TO MARRY FOR SPITE!

I'D BE AFRAID OF ANYBODY WITH SUCH A VILE TEMPER AS RENE HAS!

SHE'S DOING THE RIGHT THING! NOBODY LIKES RENE!! HE'D MAKE HER UNHAPPY!

TONY IS A RIGHT GUY!

I'D SAY SHE'S OUT OF THE FIRE IN-TO THE FRYING PAN!



HERE THEY COME!! SHE DOESN'T LOOK VERY HAPPY!

I'VE A HUNCH RENE'S GOING TO SHOW UP!



AFTER ALL OF VENGE'S JEALOUSY HE LOSES THE LOVELY BRENDA ANYWAY. THAT'S LIFE!

HERE COMES THE BRIDE!



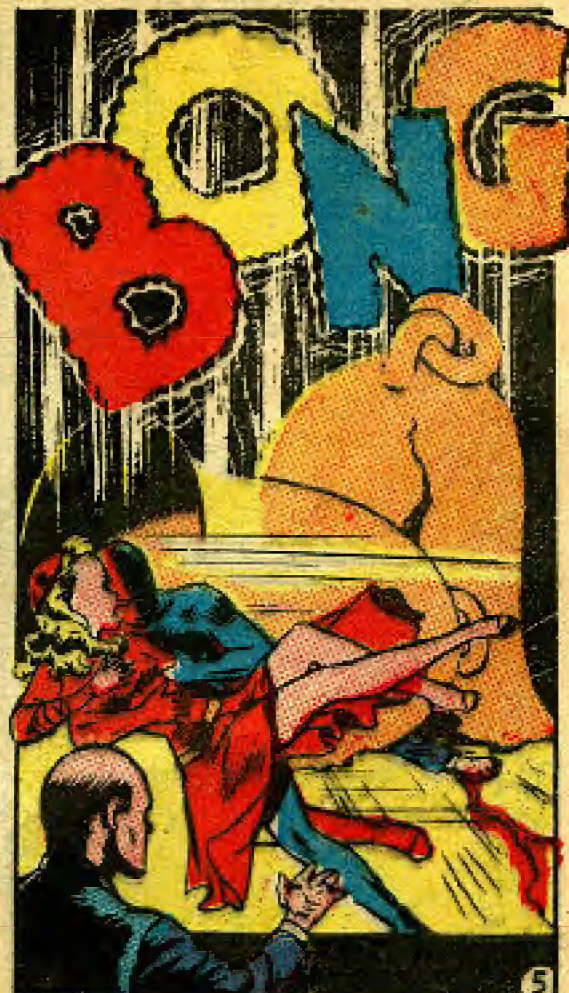
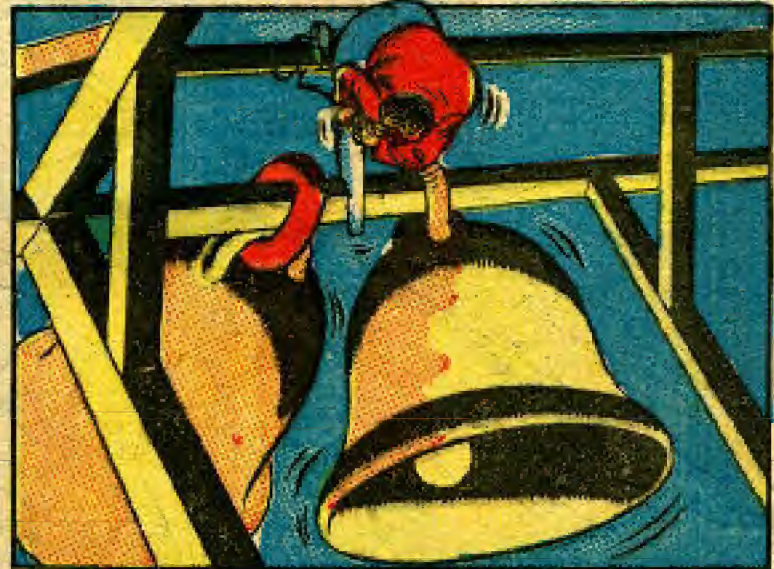
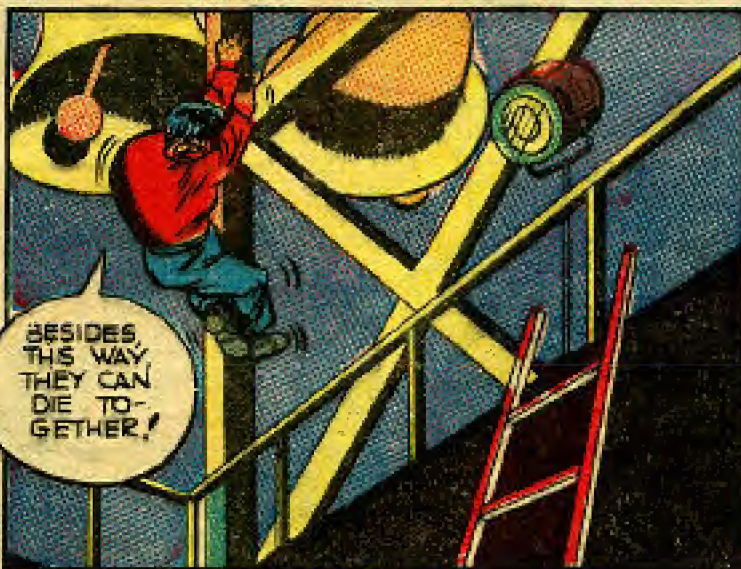
WHO'D BE BOTHERED TO LOCK THIS DOOR?



JUMPIN' JUPITER!



AH! I'M FREE! THE WEDDING MARCH! BRENDA!! MUST BE TIME FOR MY WEDDING! I'LL GET MARRIED FIRST! THEN, I'LL KILL THAT DIRTY SOB!!





PUFF

HE GOT HA!
SQUASHED HA
HA! HA!
SOMEBODY
SAVED HER,
BUT I'LL
GET HER!!
(PUFF PUFF)
HA! HA! HA!

PUFF

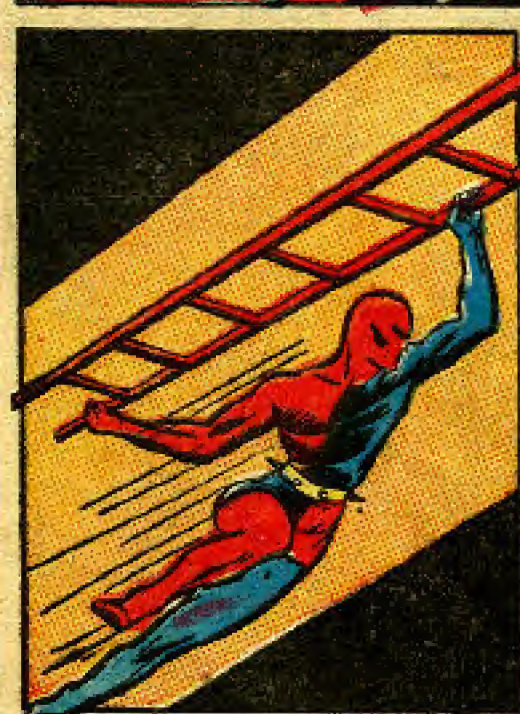


LOOK!
THERE'S A
HUNCHBACK
UP THERE
!!

WHY,
THAT'S
RENE!

WITH HIS
MAKE-UP
ON!

LET'S GET
OUT OF HERE
BEFORE WE'RE
ALL MUR-
DERED!



DID YOU
COME TO
HELP ME
DOWN?



PUFF
PUFF

YOU
JEALOUS
FOOL!! DO
YOU REALIZE
WHAT YOU'VE
DONE?



YES, DAREDEVIL!
I JUST KICKED YOU
IN THE FACE!..COULD
IT BE THAT THE
GREAT DAREDEVIL
CAN BE KICKED
AROUND?

THE JAPS
GOT THE
FIRST LICK
IN TOO!



DARN IT! HE
GOT AWAY!! I'LL
SEARCH FOR HIM
AWHILE, THEN I'LL
HAVE TO GO
BACK TO THE
OTHERS!



BRENDA, YOU GO TO YOUR DRESSING ROOM AND LOCK YOUR DOOR. DON'T OPEN IT OR LEAVE IT TILL I SAY SO. THAT'S A GIRL!

OH! IT CAN'T BE TRUE! MY RENE A CRIPPLE AND OUT OF HIS MIND AND POOR TONY DEAD! OOH! A GIRL!

SNOB
SNOB



THICK 'EM UP! EVERYBODY EXCEPT DAREDEVIL! I'M THE THUDIO DETECTIVE!!



THAT THUM, THAT THAP HATHN'T GOT A THANCE WITH ME AND YOU AFTER HIM!

DON'T POINT! BAD MANNERS!



I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHO LOCKED RENE IN HIS ROOM. IT WASN'T THE GUY HE KILLED... I CAN PROVE THAT!

THITH THURE'S A PROBLEM! WHOEVER DID IT THURE MUST OF HATED HIM! THAY HOW DO YOU KNOW?



SO! DAREDEVIL CAN PROVE TONY DIDN'T DO THIS TO ME! THEN WHO DID? I'LL FIND HIM... I'LL KILL 'EM ALL... JUST TO MAKE SURE I GET HIM! BUT FIRST BRENDA MUST PAY...



...BECAUSE, WHEN TONY LEFT THE ROOM HE WENT RIGHT TO THE OFFICE AND SAID HE STOOD ALL OF RENE THAT HE COULD AND QUIT. IF HE HAD LOCKED THE DOOR HE WOULD HAVE KEPT QUIET!

THIMPLE DE- DEDUCTION! EATHY ATH A-B-THEE! EH, DAREDEVIL?



I CAN'T STAY IN THIS ROOM ANY LONGER. I'LL GO NUTS IF I DON'T FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING!



BESIDES, RENE WOULD NEVER HARM ME!







THAY, THAT MURDERING
DRIP WON'T DARE TRY
ANYTHING ATH LONG
ATH HE KNOWTH I'M
PROTECTING YOU!
NOT THCARED
ARE YOU?



I THAID, ARE YOU
THCARED? WHATTH
THE MATTER, THWALLOW-
ED YOUR TONGUE?
HEY!!



WHY DON'T
YOU THAY
THOME-
THING?

ATH THURE ATH
MY NAME ITH
THANDY THNOOP
YOU'RE DEAD!

**HEY!
DAREDEVIL
!!**



LOOK! HE WATH
THO THCARED
HE DIED OF A
HEART-
ATTACK!

JUST THINKING
ABOUT THAT HUNCH-
BACK IS ENOUGH
TO KILL ANY-
ONE!



SINCE WHEN DO YOU
GET A HEART ATTACK
IN THE BACK! SANDY,
WHEN DID YOU LEAVE
HIM OUT OF YOUR
SIGHT!



THAY!! ARE YOU INTHIN-
ATING I'M NOT A GOOD
DETECTIVE?... I NEVER
TOOK MY EYETH OFF
HIM FOR A THECOND
AND NOBODY WATH
NEAR HIM!



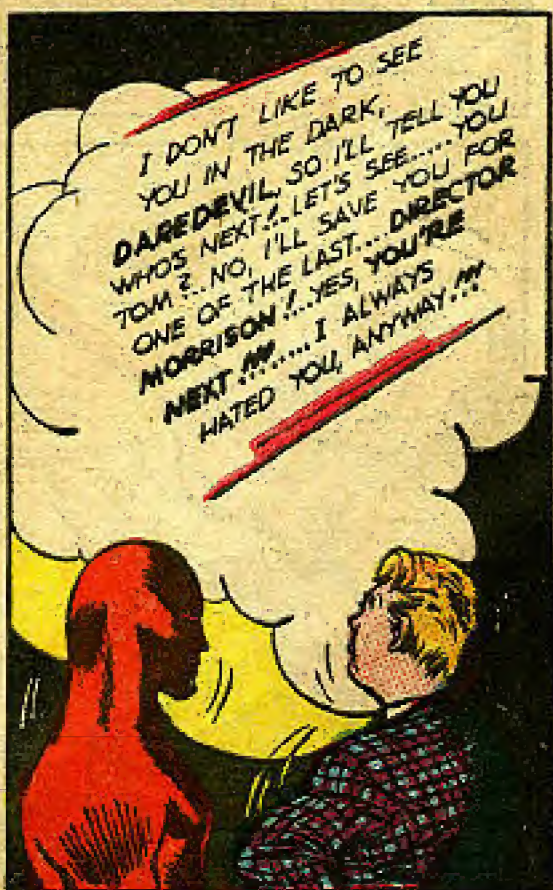
SORRY SNOOP!! NO HARM, M...
HEY, THE KNIFE IS CONCEALED IN
THIS BACK CUSHION! WHEN HE
SAT DOWN, THE CUSHION WENT
BACK, BUT THE KNIFE DIDN'T!

THAY, I
COULD OF
THAT IN
THAT THAR!



I WANT ALL OF YOU
PEOPLE TO STAY IN
GROUPS! THAT'S THE
ONLY WAY YOU'LL BE
SAFE... THE CAMERA-
MAN WAS JUST KILL-
ED AND WE DON'T
KNOW WHO'S
NEXT!

YOU DO
ATH MY THUM
DAREDEVIL
THETH!



I DON'T LIKE TO SEE
YOU IN THE DARK,
DAREDEVIL, SO I'LL TELL YOU
WHOS NEXT?... LET'S SEE... YOU
TOM?... NO, I'LL SAVE YOU FOR
ONE OF THE LAST... DIRECTOR
MORRISON!... YES, YOU'RE
NEXT... I ALWAYS
HATED YOU, ANYWAY...

I'M GOING TO FIND WHERE THAT SCORPION IS HIDING! IF I HAVE TO TEAR DOWN THIS STUDIO PIECE BY PIECE!

DON'T YOU WORRY, MR. MORRITHON, I'LL PROTECT YOU! I WON'T LET YOU OUT OF MY TIGHT!

WHAT? LIKE YOU DID MY BEST CAMERAMAN? NO THANKS, I'LL TAKE MY OWN CHANCES!

ANYWAY, I'M NOT GOING TO STAND AROUND WAITING FOR IT! I'LL HAVE TO FIND SOMEBODY TO TAKE RENE'S PART RIGHT AWAY! THIS PICTURE HAS TO BE OUT ON SCHEDULE!

CHICO, YOU WERE RENE'S UNDERSTUDY AND I THINK YOU KNOW ALL THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT THE PART! DO YOU WANT TO TAKE A CRACK AT IT?

SURE, AND I'VE GOT REAL TALENT, TOO!

HIYA, JOE! HOW'S THE MISSUS? CAN YOU GIVE ME A QUICK SHAVE???

YOU CRAZY? YOU'RE PICKED NEXT TO DIE AND YOU WANT A SHAVE!

FIRST HE KILLS THE MAKE-UP MAN! THEN BRENDA BRONSON... THEN THE CAMERAMAN... THEN MAYBE YOU... THEN... WHO?

I'M GLAD HE NEVER CAME TO ME FOR A SHAVE... UGH!

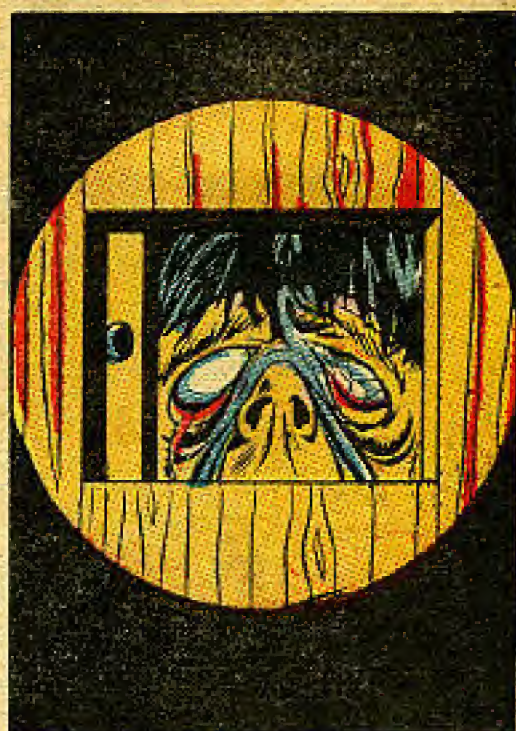
I DIDN'T HEAR YOU, JOE!! WHAT DID YOU SAY?

I SAID I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A NICE CLOSE SHAVE !!!

ARR-GL-

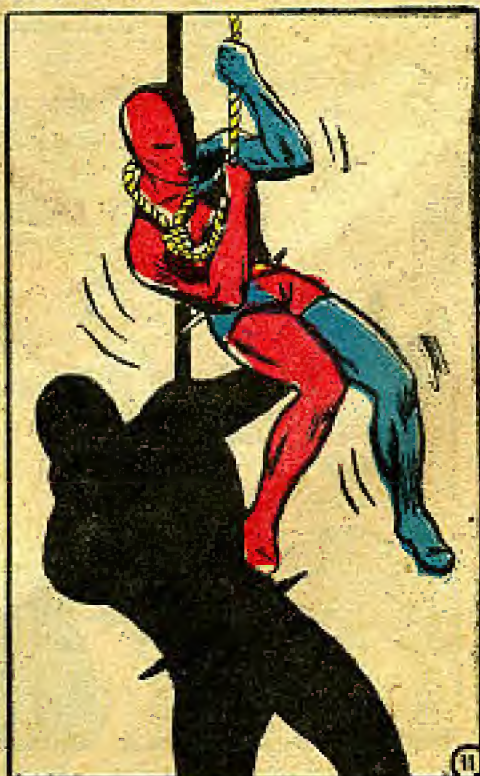
FUNNY LOOK-
ING ROOM!...COB-
WEBS ALL OVER! IT
HASN'T BEEN USED
FOR YEARS...LOOKS
LIKE AN OLD
PROP DEPART-
MENT!

THIS IS WHERE HE'S
HIDING OUT, ALL
RIGHT!! HERE'S A
MIKE AND IT'S
ALIVE!!



OH, HO, OH, HO! I'VE
GOT THE GREAT
DAREDEVIL!! I MUST
TELL THEM!! I'LL HAVE TO
ANNOUNCE IT RIGHT
AWAY!

YOU FOOLS! HA, HA!
YOUR ONLY HOPE IS GONE!
HE'S HANGING WITH HIS
NECK IN A MOOSE!!!
HA, HA, DAREDEVIL
IS NO MORE!!

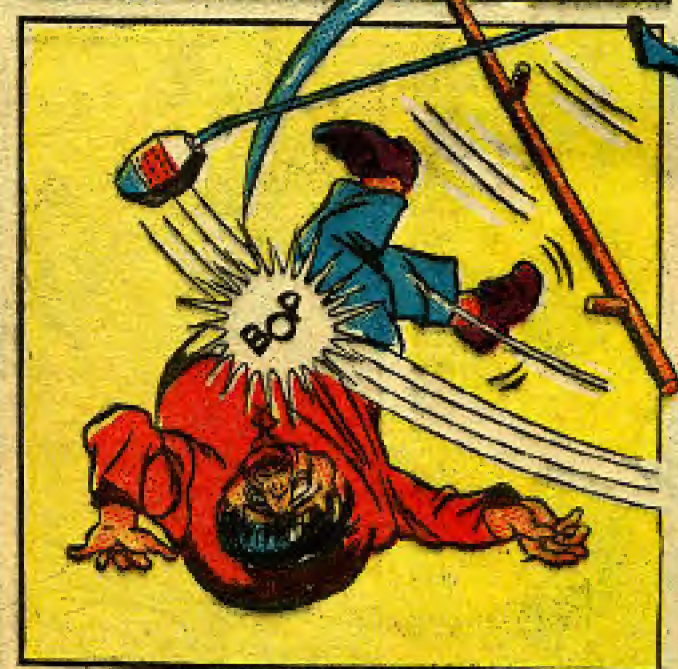


I'M SORRY I COULDN'T TELL YOU AHEAD OF TIME IN HIS CASE, BUT I'LL TELL YOU WHO THE NEXT ONE'S GOING TO BE!! IT'S...

RENE' VENGE IS MY GUESS! WHO'S YOURS??

HANGING IS A NICE WAY TO DIE!! YOU SHOULD HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF IT!

IF YOU'VE ANYTHING TO SAY, SAY IT INTO THIS!

















Presenting

THE

CLAW

WORLD'S WORST
VILLAIN

By

BOB
WOOD

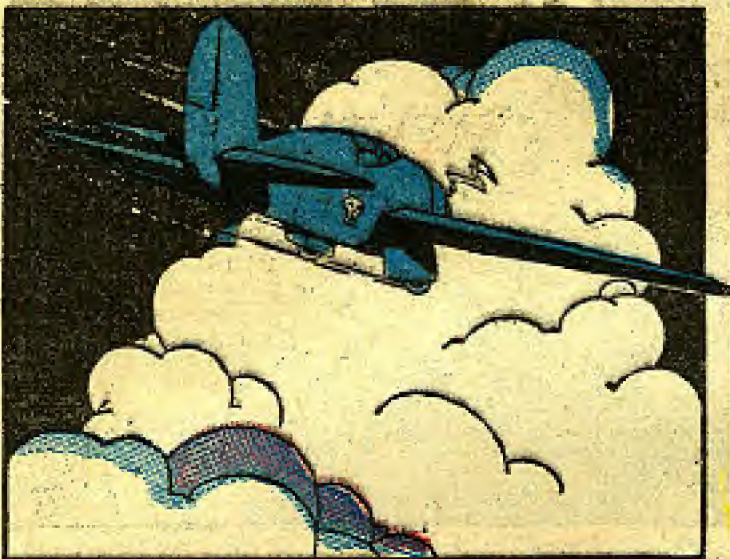
JUST IMAGINE AN ENORMOUS MACHINE, THE SIZE OF A CITY BLOCK, WHICH CAN TRAVEL 10 MILES PER HOUR, AND IS EQUIPPED WITH EVERY WEAPON OF WAR, INCLUDING GAS ATTACK, LONG RANGE GUNS, PLANES, MECHANIZED UNITS, SMOKE SCREENS, ETC. THIS ARE THE CAPABILITIES OF THIS MOST INGENUOUS CREATION....

FASTER!
FASTER, FOOLS!
WE MUST
FINISH TODAY!

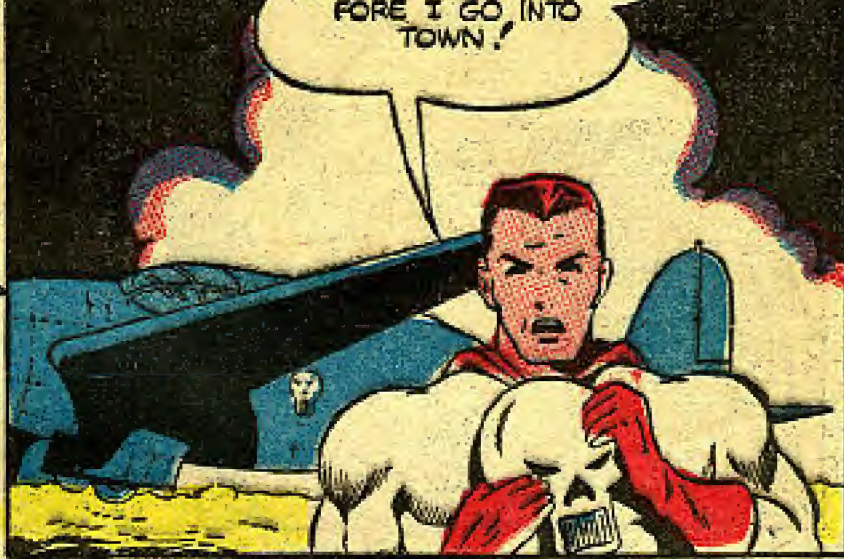
PLEASE NOTE! ENTIRE BASE IS
CHARGED WITH ELECTRICITY...

AS AMERICA FIGHTS DESPERATELY ON ALL FRONTS TO STEM THE AXIS WARLORDS, THE CLAW HAS BEEN FORGOTTEN IN THE RISING TEMPO OF EVENTS, BUT WELL WOULD THE PEOPLE TREMBLE IF THEY COULD SEE THIS MASTER OF EVIL PLANNING THE DESTRUCTION OF AMERICA FROM WITHIN!!! IN A LARGE DESERT CRATER, SOMEWHERE IN COLORADO, THE WORLD'S WORST VILLAIN HAS IN PRODUCTION THE GREATEST ENGINEERING FEAT OF ALL TIME!!!

BUT THERE IS ONE MAN WHO HAS NEVER CEASED SEARCHING FOR THE CLAW...THAT MAN IS THE GHOST...HE LANDS HIS PLANE IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF A SMALL TOWN IN COLORADO..



ANOTHER DAY AND STILL NO SIGN OF THE CLAW !! BETTER TAKE THIS OUTFIT OFF BEFORE I GO INTO TOWN!

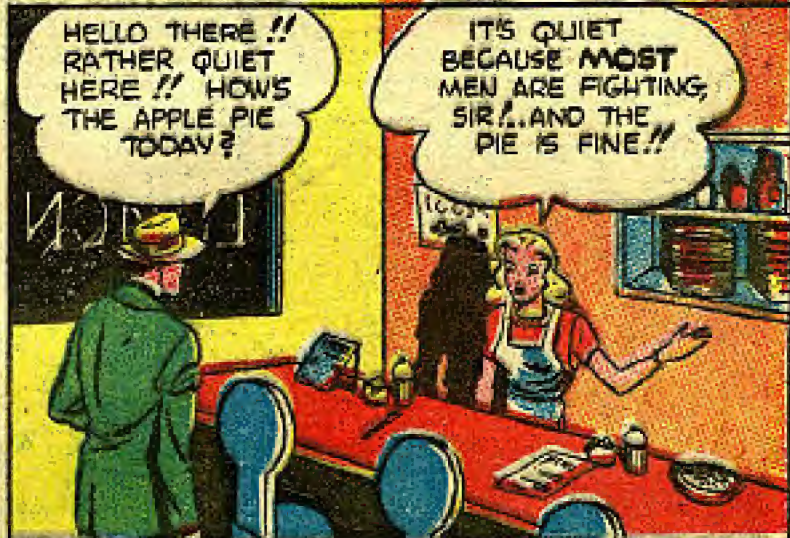


THIS LOOKS LIKE A NICE TOWN...GUESS THAT MONSTER WOULDN'T BE FOOLING AROUND HERE, BUT I STILL HAVE THAT STRANGE FEELING HE'S UP TO SOMETHING SOMEWHERE!



HELLO THERE !! RATHER QUIET HERE !! HOW'S THE APPLE PIE TODAY?

IT'S QUIET BECAUSE MOST MEN ARE FIGHTING, SIR!...AND THE PIE IS FINE!!



OH, OH, A PATRIOTIC LITTLE FIREBALL !! WELL, AFTER ALL, SOMEONE HAS TO STAY HOME AND TAKE CARE OF THE GIRLS... BESIDES, I HAVEN'T BEEN DRAFTED YET!



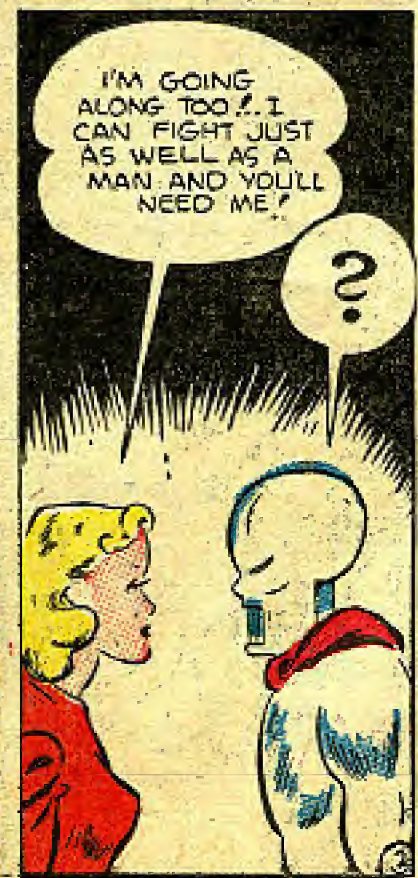
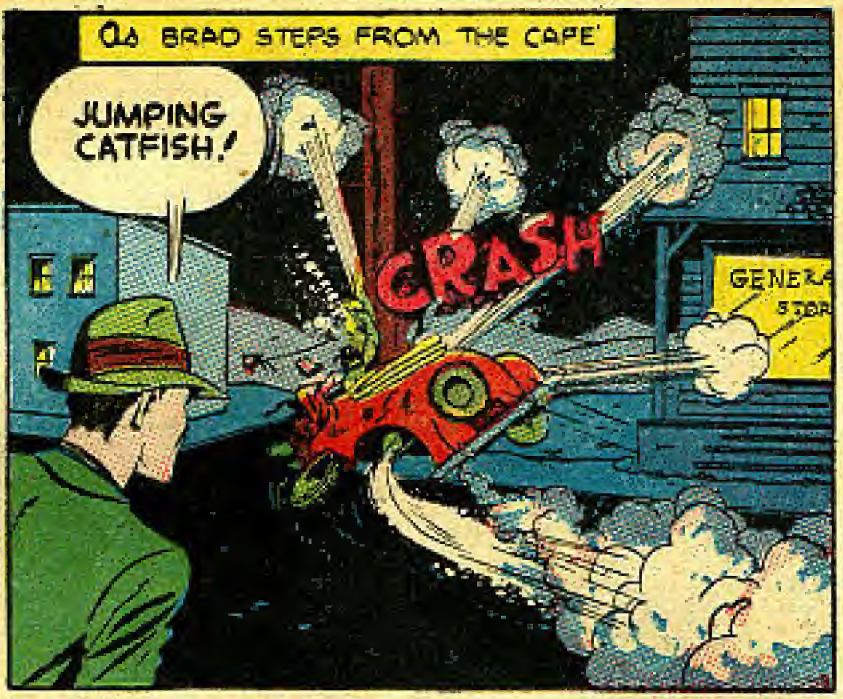
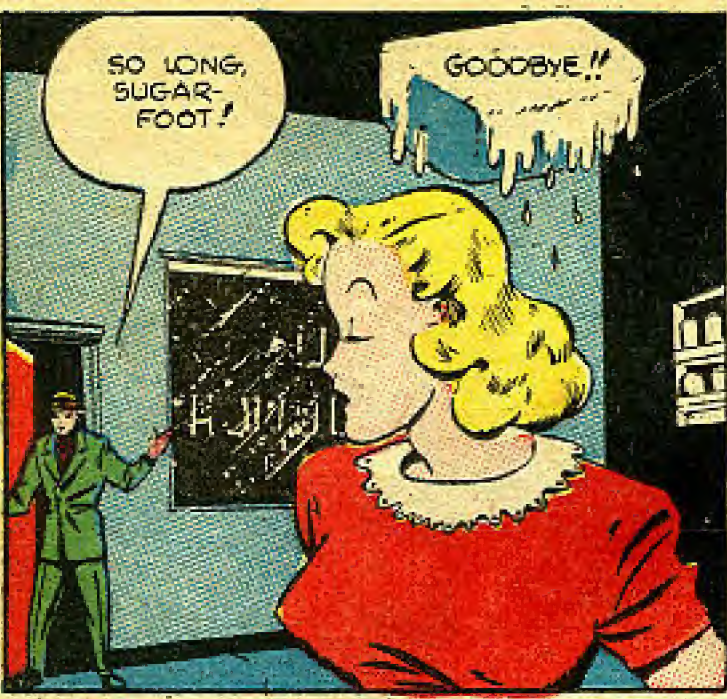
A MAN WITH ANY SPUNK WOULDN'T WAIT TO BE DRAFTED...AND IF YOU THINK THE GIRLS WANT YOU, THIS IS ONE THAT DOESN'T !!

HEY..Y..Y! DON'T CUT ME UP, CUTIE!



THANK GOODNESS! THE PIE WAS SWEETER THAN YOUR DISPOSITION!





MEANWHILE, THE WORLD'S WORST VILLAIN IS IN A RAGE...

BLUNDERING SWINE!
THAT DRIVER YOU SHOT
UP WILL BRING THE
ARMY ON OUR NECK!

MERCY,
MASTER!
MERCY!

THE CLAW HURLS THE HELPLESS ORIENTAL SMACK AGAINST HIS HUGE MACHINE...

Y.A...A!

HAIL
CLAW!

OBSERVE WHAT HAP-
PENS TO FOOLS, YOU
DOGS, AND REMEM-
BER IT!

AND NOW, QUICKLY, INTO
THE MACHINE! WE MUST
STRIKE BEFORE THE PIGS
CAN LOCATE US! SQUAD
ONE TO THE GAS CHAMBER;
TWO TO THE PLANE SEC-
TION; THREE TO THE GUN
TURRET!...DEATH TO THE
ONE WHO FAILS HIS POST!

Slowly at first, and then with amazing
speed, the claw's rolling fortress
blasts out of the crater....

BULLET PROOF
BOMB PROOF
GLASS

AT LAST MY
HUMILIATION CAN BE
AVENGED! HITLER
SHALL LEARN THAT
THE CLAW IS STRONG-
ER THAN MIDGETS
LIKE KLOGLO!

HEIL
HITLER!

EDITOR'S NOTE: KLOGLO
HITLER'S CONTRIBUTION
TO THE DEFEAT OF THE
GHOST... SEE APRIL
AND MAY ISSUES OF
DAREDEVIL COMICS

ON AND ON, THROUGH VILLAGE, AFTER VIL-
LAGE SWEEPS THE MIGHTY MACHINE, LEAVING
DEATH AND DESTRUCTION IN ITS WAKE....

Meanwhile a plane
streaks out of the
heavens....

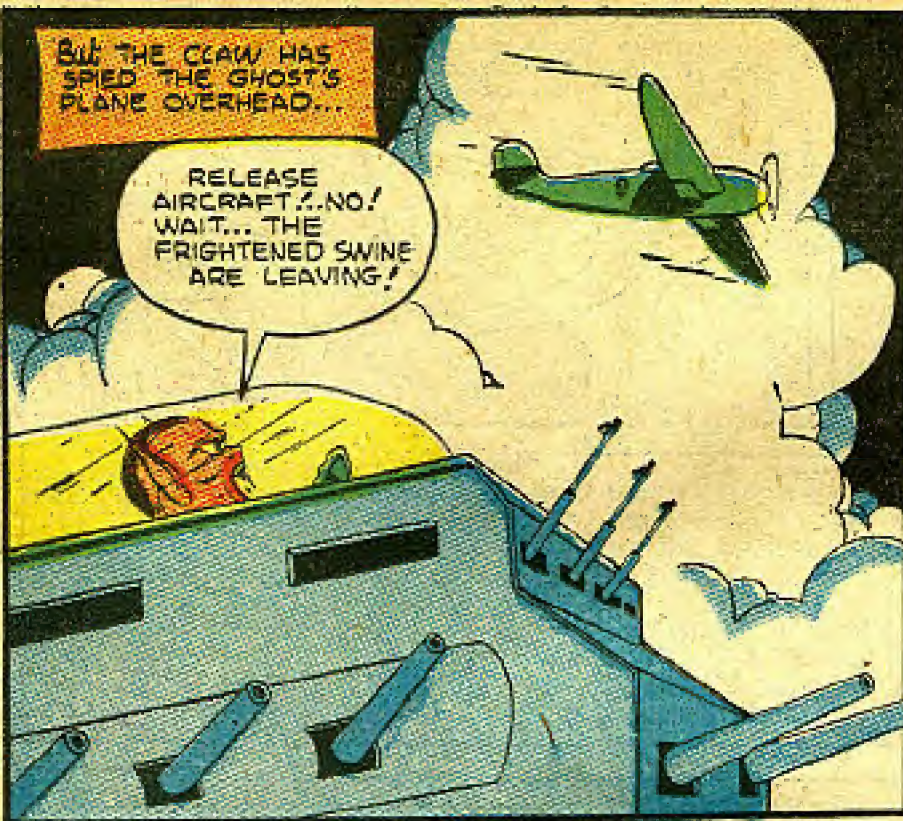
GREAT LORD!
ANOTHER OF THE
CLAW'S DIABOLI-
CAL MACHINES!
NOTHING WILL
STOP THOSE
THINGS!

IT'S HEAD-
ING TOWARD
CARTVILLE...
THAT'S WHERE
THE ARMY
CAMP IS!

ARMY CAMP!
OF COURSE!
THAT'S WHAT THE
FIEND'S UP TO!
WE'LL HAVE
TO GET THERE
FIRST!

BUT THE CLAW HAS
SPIED THE GHOST'S
PLANE OVERHEAD...

RELEASE
AIRCRAFT?...NO!
WAIT... THE
FRIGHTENED SWINE
ARE LEAVING!



A FEW MOMENTS LATER AT CARTVILLE
ARMY CAMP.....

WHAT'S THE IDEA OF LAND-
ING ON AN ARMY FIELD!
IT'S A GOOD WAY TO
GET YOUR HEAD BLOWN
OFF!

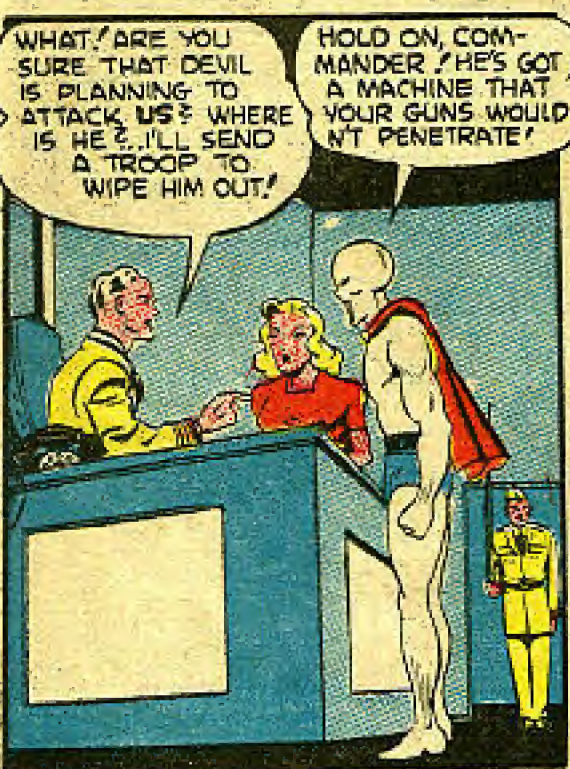
IT'S
THE
GHOST
!!

DON'T SHOOT!
THIS IS AN
EMERGENCY!



WHAT! ARE YOU
SURE THAT DEVIL
IS PLANNING TO
ATTACK US? WHERE
IS HE?...I'LL SEND
A TROOP TO
WIPE HIM OUT!

HOLD ON, COM-
MANDER! HE'S GOT
A MACHINE THAT
YOUR GUNS WOULD-
N'T PENETRATE!

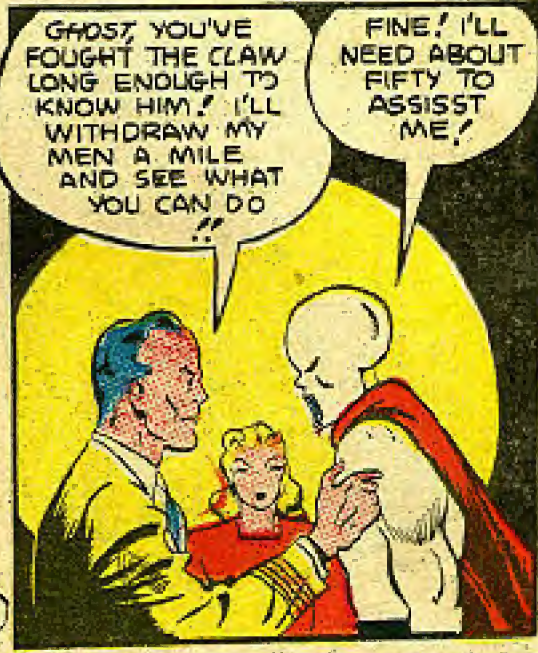


THE ONLY WAY HE CAN BE
STOPPED IS BY A TRAP.
COMING IN OVER YOUR
FIELD, I NOTICED IT WAS
SURROUNDED BY WOODS...
IF YOU'LL EVACUATE YOUR
MEN AND PUT ME IN
CHARGE, THERE'S A LONG
CHANCE WE CAN TRICK
THE DEVIL!



GHOST, YOU'VE
FOUGHT THE CLAW
LONG ENOUGH TO
KNOW HIM! I'LL
WITHDRAW MY
MEN A MILE
AND SEE WHAT
YOU CAN DO

FINE! I'LL
NEED ABOUT
FIFTY TO
ASSIST
ME!



AS THE CLAW'S MACHINE OF DEATH MOVES
CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE CAMP, THE
GHOST WORKS DESPERATELY
AGAINST TIME...

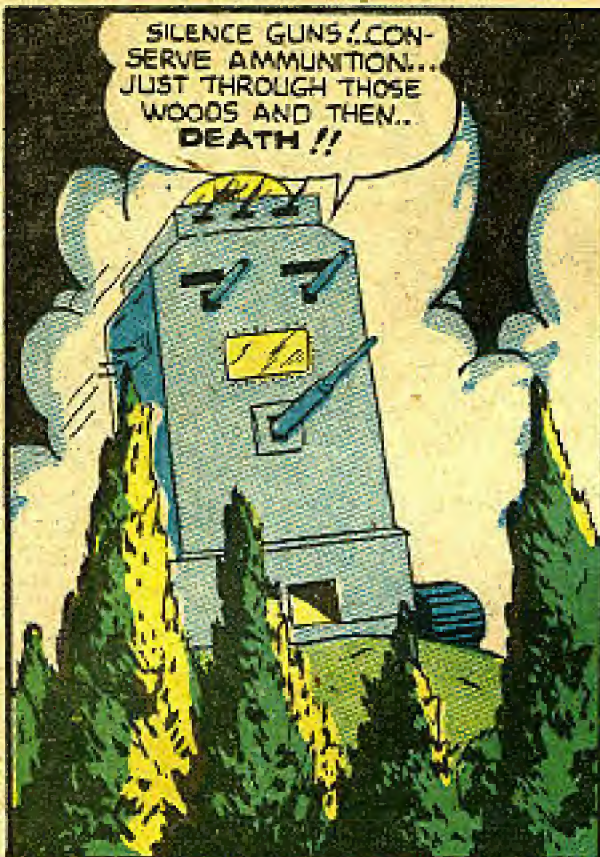
SPREAD THAT GAS-
OLINE ALL THRU
THE WOODS,
MEN!

BUT WHAT IF
THE CLAW AP-
PROACHES FROM
ANOTHER SIDE?



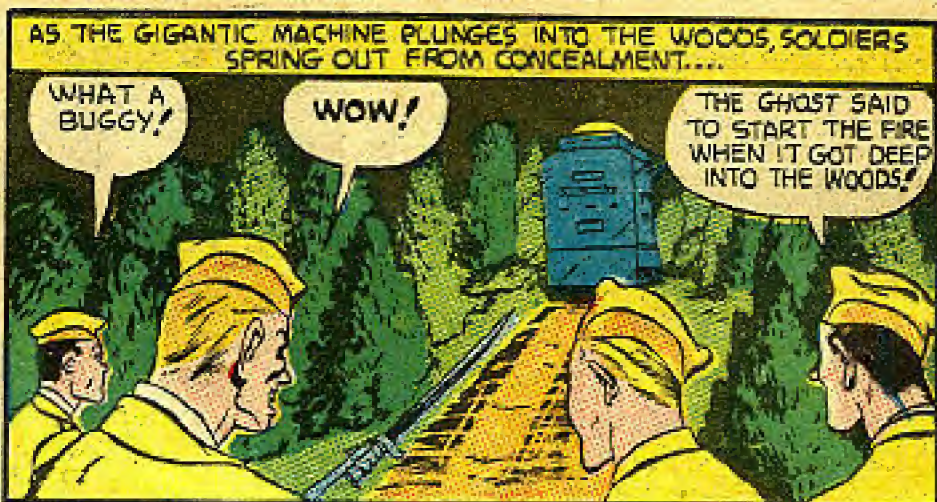
THE STRAIGHT-
EST LINE FROM
WHERE THE CLAW IS TO
THE CAMP IS RIGHT
THROUGH THOSE WOODS!
HE'LL BE WORKING FOR
A TIME AND WHEN HE'S
INSIDE, THE MEN WILL
IGNITE THE
WOOD!

I'LL KEEP
MY FINGERS
CROSSED!



SILENCE GUNS! CON-
SERVE AMMUNITION...
JUST THROUGH THOSE
WOODS AND THEN..
DEATH !!

UNMINDFUL OF THE TRAP AWAIT-
ING HIM, THE CLAW THUNDERS ON...



WHAT A
BUGGY!

WOW!

THE GHOST SAID
TO START THE FIRE
WHEN IT GOT DEEP
INTO THE WOODS!



DEEP
WITHIN
THE WOODS,
THE
CLAW
BEGINS
THE
ASSAULT...

LAY DOWN A TEN SHELL
BARRAGE ON THE FIELD
WITH THE TWELVE-INCH
GUNS, HURRY!

YES,
MASTER!



AS THE CLAW THUNDERS ON, AP-
PROACHING THE ARMY CAMP, HIS
HUGE GUNS CONTINUE TO BLAST
AWAY.....



BE READY! WHEN
I GIVE THE SIGNAL
LET LOOSE WITH
THE GAS
ATTACK!

MEANWHILE...

I WAS AFRAID OF
THIS! HE'S GOING TO
KNOCK US A BIT
BEFORE HE AT-
TACKS!

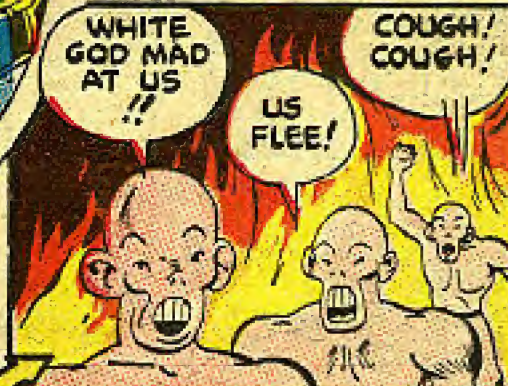
THE FIRE!..
WHY DON'T
THEY START
THE FIRES
??



WHITE
GOD MAD
AT US
!!

COUGH!
COUGH!

US
FLEE!



AS THE FIRE SURROUNDS THE
HUGE TANK, THE ORIENTALS
GO BERSERK WITH FEAR....

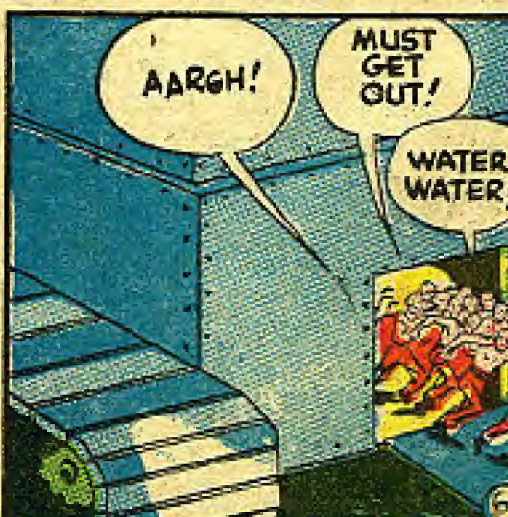


FIFTY SOLDIERS SPRING
INTO ACTION....



FLAMES CREEP GREEDILY UP
AND ABOUT THE CLAW'S
TREMENDOUS MACHINE...

FIRE!!
SWINE OF
A THOUSAND
PIGS!



AARGH!

MUST
GET
OUT!

WATER!
WATER!

ONE SMALL GROUP BREAKS THROUGH THE CORDON OF FLAMES BUT THE GHOST IS WAITING...



YOU DIDN'T EXPECT SUCH A WARM RECEPTION, DID YOU?



SORRY, BOYS, YOU AREN'T WANTED HERE!

SEVERAL HOURS LATER AFTER THE FIRE HAS DIED DOWN...

GOOD LORD! WHAT A FANTASTIC MACHINE! BUT WHERE THE DEUCE COULD THE CLAW BE?

BY THE WAY, WHERE'S THE GHOST? HE'S GONE TOO!



CAN YOU BEAT THAT! BOTH OF THEM VANISHED INTO THIN AIR! WASHINGTON WILL NEVER BELIEVE ME WHEN I TELL THEM THIS!



THE NEXT DAY...

I JUST RAN INTO THE GHOST... HE TOLD ME IT WAS SAFE TO COME BACK... IS IT?



OH, IT'S YOU AGAIN!

WELL, HE WANTED ME TO GIVE YOU SOMETHING FOR HIM!

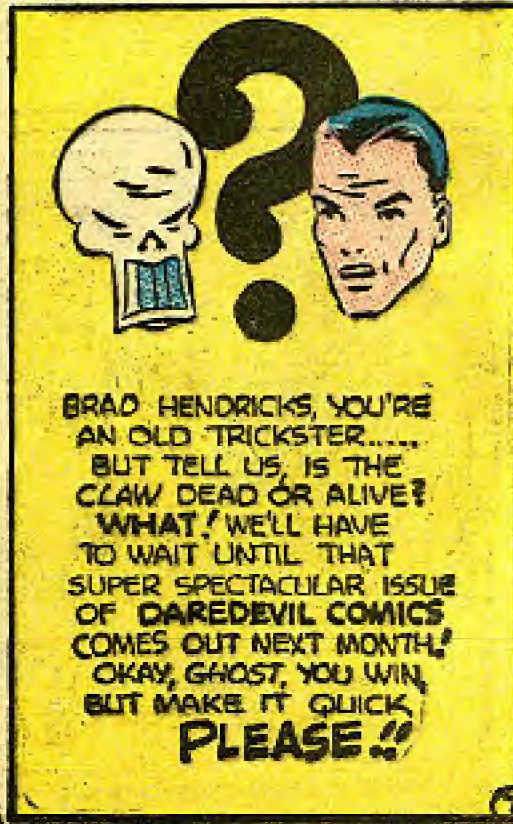
HE DID? WHAT IS IT?



THIS!



OH..H..H DID HE REALLY? HE'S MY IDEA OF A REAL MAN! WONDER IF I'LL EVER SEE HIM AGAIN!



BRAD HENDRICKS, YOU'RE AN OLD TRICKSTER..... BUT TELL US, IS THE CLAW DEAD OR ALIVE? WHAT! WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THAT SUPER SPECTACULAR ISSUE OF DAREDEVIL COMICS COMES OUT NEXT MONTH! OKAY, GHOST, YOU WIN, BUT MAKE IT QUICK! PLEASE!!







CHEN, CHEN, and
the BOSTON BRANCH

Figure 1

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L

LONDON

WHAT WAS THE MYSTERY BEHIND THE DIAMOND CAMERA? WHO WANTED IT AND WHY? WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN LONDON AND TAKE A HAND AT SOLVING THIS CLEVEREST OF CRIME RIDDLES YET!!



AS MARK HOLMES, WHO, IS IN REALITY, LONDON, PREPARES TO FLY HOME FROM HIS USUAL BROADCAST, A STRANGE SIGHT MEETS HIS EYES... THE RIDDLE OF THE DIAMOND CAMERA HAS BEGUN TO UNFOLD...

WHAT THE DEVIL'S GOING ON DOWN THERE?



GREAT GLORY
THAT FELLOW'S
RUNNING IN-
TO TROUBLE!

LONDON DIVES HIS
PLANE DOWN TO
PREVENT THE TRAG-
EDY...BUT TOO
LATE !!!

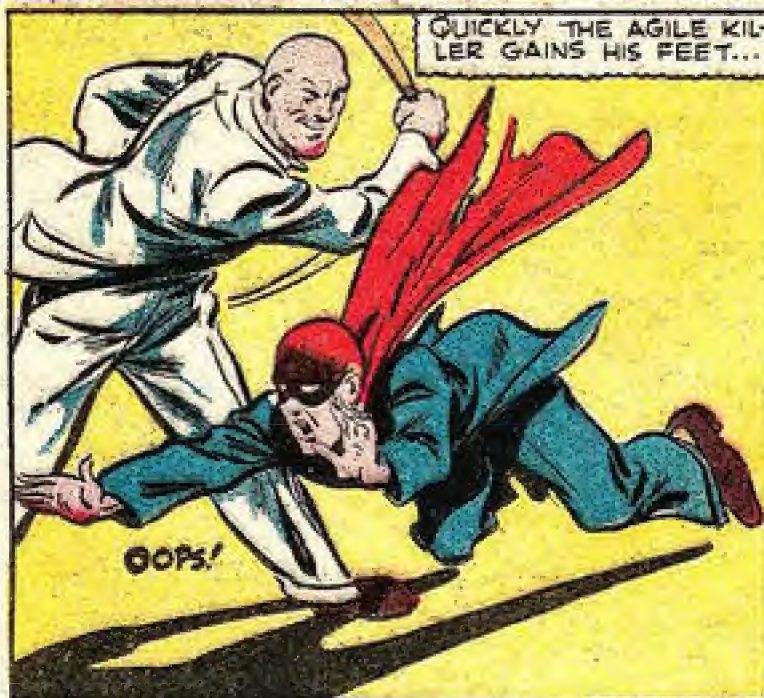
HOLD ON
TO YOUR
HAT, MARC!

HEY, YOU
BUTCHER!
DON'T GO
AWAY!

LONDON!

I KNOW I CAN'T
CONVINCE YOU TO
MIND YOUR OWN
BUSINESS, LONDON,
SO WALK TO
YOUR DEATH!

THANKS, BUT
I'D LIKE TO
GET THE PAIN
OVER QUICKLY,
DON'T YOU
KNOW?





A MOTION
PICTURE
CAMERA
!!

AND
LOOK! IT'S
DIAMOND
STUDDER!



I'M DYING TO SEE
WHAT THAT ROLE OF
FILM SHOWS THAT
WE FOUND IN THE
CAMERA!! IF THEY
WANTED IT SO BADLY,
IT MUST BE TER-
RIBLY IMPORTANT!

THIS IS ONE PARTY
I'D LIKE TO SEE MY-
SELF! GUESS I'LL
PREVIEW THE MYSTERY
PICTURE WITH YOU -
AND THE CHIEF CORONERS
OF SCOTLAND YARD
SHOULD BE INTEREST-
ING!



THAT EVENING AT SCOTLAND YARD, THE
FILM IS SHOWN, BUT...

GOOD
GLORY, A
MAY DANCE
!!!



WHAT A LAUGH!
WE GET EXCITED
OVER A NAZI
PLOT AND IT
TURNS OUT TO
BE A MAY
DANCE!

RATHER
DISAPPPOINT-
ING, WHAT
??

I'LL
SAY!



OH, CHIEF
CONNORS, WOULD
YOU WANT ME TO
PUT THE CAMERA
IN THE VAULT?

NO, NO, TIBBETS!
I'M GOING TO KEEP
THE CONTRAPTION
AND TRY TO FIG-
URE THE BLASTED
MESS OUT!



I CAN'T MAKE
SENSE OUT OF THIS!
DO YOU SUPPOSE
THE AGENT BROUGHT
THE CAMERA
BACK JUST FOR
ITS VALUE IN
PLOT?

NO! HE WOULD
HAVE KEPT IT TO
HIMSELF AS A WAR
PRIZE..CERTAINLY,
HE WOULDN'T
HAVE GOTTEN
EVERYONE EX-
CITED OVER IT!



IT'S SOMETHING
DEEPER THAN
THAT!... HEY,
WHAT WAS THAT?
LOOKS LIKE
THERE'S
TROUBLE!



IT'S
IN
THERE!



IT'S THE BUTCHER !!!

STOP WHERE YOU ARE, LONDON! I'M JUST LEAVING!

AS THE ASSAILANT DISAPPEARS FROM ONE WINDOW, LONDON QUICKLY LEAPS THROUGH ANOTHER AND....

AT LEAST HIS GUN'S EMPTY!



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SURPRISE !!



YOU B*! MEDDLER! KEEP YOUR NOSE WHERE IT BELONGS!



WHEW, THAT BIRD IS FAST AND TOUGH!



NICE HORSIE!

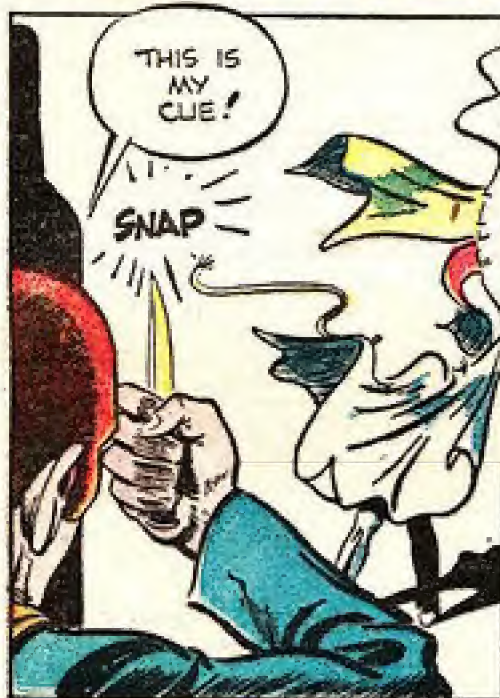
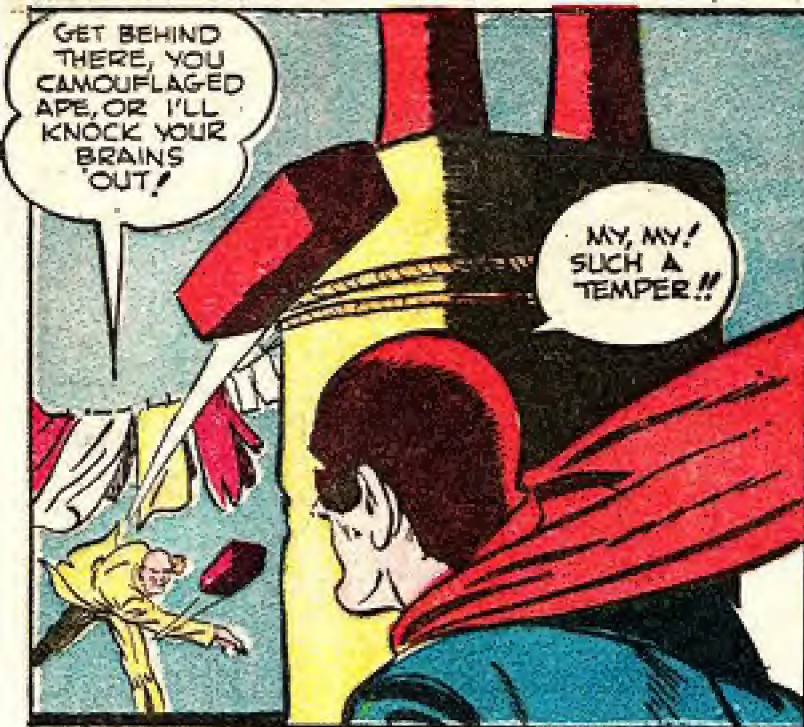


WHY DON'T YOU GIVE UP, INSTEAD OF WASTING ALL THIS GOOD ENERGY, BUTCHER?



CUT THE KIDDING, CHUM! YOU AIN'T SO HOT!

OOPS!





T.THE DOUBLE-CROSSING DOG!
...LISTEN...INSIDE
CAMERA...FILM...
GLUED...PRESENT
OF HITLER....
AAAARRHH!

TRY
HARD,
BUTCH...
TRY...HE'S
DONE FOR!



WHAT'S
HAPPENED?

DEAD! TAKE HIM
DOWNSTAIRS! I'LL
BE RIGHT WITH
YOU!



WELL, WELL
THIS IS A
SURPRISE!



SPEAK UP, LONDON!
YOU SAY YOU'VE SOLV-
ED THE MYSTERY!
WHAT IS
IT?

YES,
WHAT
IS IT?

WELL,
TIBBETS, IF
YOU REALLY
WANT TO KNOW,
IT'S JUST THAT
...THAT YOU'RE
A GERMAN
SPY!



ON THIS PIECE OF FILM IS A
PICTURE OF TIBBETS AND BUTCH-
ER BEING HONORED BY HITLER!
THEY'RE BOTH SECRET AGENTS
OF THE REICH!! EVIDENTLY HITLER
TOLD THEM THE ONE TO ACCOMPLISH
THE MOST WOULD RECEIVE THE
DIAMOND CAMERA! THIS FILM WAS
MADE MORE OR LESS TO BIND THE
PACT AND
GLUED WITH-
IN THE
MACHINE
CASE!



AS FOR WHY TIBBETS KILLED THE BUTCHER...
THEY BOTH BECAME DEADLY ENEMIES OVER
THE FIGHT FOR THE DIAMOND CAMERA!...
NOW THAT THE BUTCHER WAS CAPTURED AND
WOULD DIE ANYWAY FOR MURDER, TIBBETS
FIGURED HE WOULD
TELL THE WHOLE STORY
JUST FOR REVENGE!
THE AGENT WHO
STOLE THE CAMERA
EVIDENTLY THOUGHT
IT WAS THE MAY
DANCE ROLL OF
FILM THAT WAS
VALUABLE!



I'M BEGINNING
TO REALIZE HOW
YOU PADDLE THE
NAZIS SO MUCH
NOW, MR. SHER-
LOCK HOLMES
!!!

THANKS, BUT
THEY CAN
STAND A LOT
MORE!...MAYBE
WE SHOULD
TEAM UP...
OR SHOULDN'T
WE!



BRITAIN'S MAN
OF THE HOUR
MEETS UP WITH
HIS MOST
DANGEROUS FOE
YET IN
NEXT MONTH'S
**DAREDEVIL
COMICS!**
DON'T MISS
IT!
IT'S A
WOW!















PUZZLE FUN







PAT PATRIOT

America's Joan of Arc

A GIRL'S BATTALION
OF DEATH!
NO ONE BELIEVED THAT
AMERICA WAS CAPABLE
OF SUCH AN ACHIEVEMENT
UNTIL PAT
PROVED IT WITH COLD FIG-
URES.....IF YOUR
NERVES ARE STEADY AND
YOUR HEART IS STRONG,
READ ON, AND SEE WHAT
HAPPENS TO THIS
BRIGADE OF BEAUTY
WHEN.....
**THE MALLET
STRIKES!!**

THE NEWS SWEEPS ACROSS THE COUNTRY
LIKE A RAGING CYCLONE....

Globe 23
**GOVERNMENT OKAYS
PAT PATRIOT'S
FIGHTING BATTALION**
ALL GIRLS
PASS

YES, FOLKS, AMERICA WILL
HAVE AN ACTUAL FIGHTING
FORCE OF WOMEN UNDER PAT
PATRIOT. AMONG THOSE EN-
LISTED WITH HER IS HEPPY
MONTE, THE HOLLYWOOD 'TARZAN
GIRL.' - INSIDE INFO HAS IT THAT
THE BLOOMERED BATTALION
OUTDID OUR ARMY AVERAGE
IN THE PHYSICAL TEST!
WE BET THE JAPS WON'T
BE NECKING WITH THESE
CUTIES!

WHY, IT'S
PERFECTLY
RIDICULOUS
!!!

JUST
PUBLICITY,
THAT'S
ALL!

IN
WASHINGTON
REACTS

WELL, MAJOR,
WE HAVE ONE
HUNDRED FIGHT-
ING AMAZONS ON
OUR HANDS AND
HALF THE COUNTRY
ASKING QUES-
TIONS...NOW
WHAT?

YES, THE PUBLIC
THINKS IT'S PROP-
GANDA! WE'VE
GOT TO GET 'EM
INTO SOME SORT
OF ACTION...
HMM...

MAYBE
DEFENSE
OF THE
CANAL!

THE NEXT DAY FIREWORKS FLARE FROM THE NATION'S CAPITOL....

B...BUT MISS PATRIOT, THE CANAL DEFENSE IS JUST WHAT YOU WANT!-- YOU'LL BE SUPPORTED BY OUR TROOPS THERE!

SUPPORTED!
DON'T YOU SEE, MAJOR, UNLESS WE ACTUALLY GO INTO ACTION, THE NATION WILL LAUGH A WOMEN'S ARMY OUT OF THE COUNTRY!!

NOW I HAVE A PLAN!--THE CHINESE TROOPS PROTECTING THE BURMA ROAD ARE SLACK, SLOVENLY AND UNWILTING--LET ME TAKE MY TRAINED BATTALION THERE!! THE GIRLS WILL HAVE INFLUENCE OVER THEM! A MAN HASN'T!! I GUARANTEE WE'LL HAVE THEM TRAINED TO PERFECTION IN THREE MONTHS!

MISS PATRIOT, I THINK IT'S DANGEROUS, FANTASTIC AND WILL PROBABLY MEAN THE DEATH OF YOU ALL, BUT IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO! THE COUNTRY IS SEEING MUCH HUMOR IN THE SITUATION!

THANKS, MAJOR! YOU'LL NEVER REGRET IT!-- WHEN DO WE LEAVE?

SEVERAL WEEKS PASS...WE SHIFT OUR SCENE SEVERAL THOUSAND MILES TO A STRATEGIC POINT ON THE BURMA ROAD, WHERE WE MEET THE LEADER OF THE CHINESE FORCES, THE 'MALLET'...

TIANG, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE VISITORS!! ONE HUNDRED PRETTY AMERICAN GIRLS ARE GOING TO TRAIN OUR MEN!

WHAT? THEY ARE SENDING GIRLS? HO, HO, THE STUPID ONES...NO WONDER THEY ARE SO EASILY FOOLED BY US!

SILENCE, DUMB ONE!
DO NOT FORGET, AS JAPANESE SPIES, WE MUST BE ON GUARD EVERY MOMENT!! THE BURMA ROAD IS BEING KEPT IN A STATE OF CONFUSION, ONLY BE CAREFUL...OVERCONFIDENCE WILL SPELL DOOM!!

O-O OF COURSE! I-I WAS ONLY JOKING!

GOOD! NOW THEN, CALL THE MEN TO ASSEMBLY! I WILL HAVE WORDS WITH THE SWINE!!

Y..YES, MALLET!

MEN OF GLORIOUS CHINA, SHORTLY, FROM THE SKIES A BAND OF WHITE WOMEN WILL SWOOP DOWN! THEY COME TO LURE US ON WITH BEAUTY...THEN POISON US WHILE WE SLEEP! **SLAY, BURN, AND TORTURE THE WHITE DAUGHTERS OF THE DEVIL!**

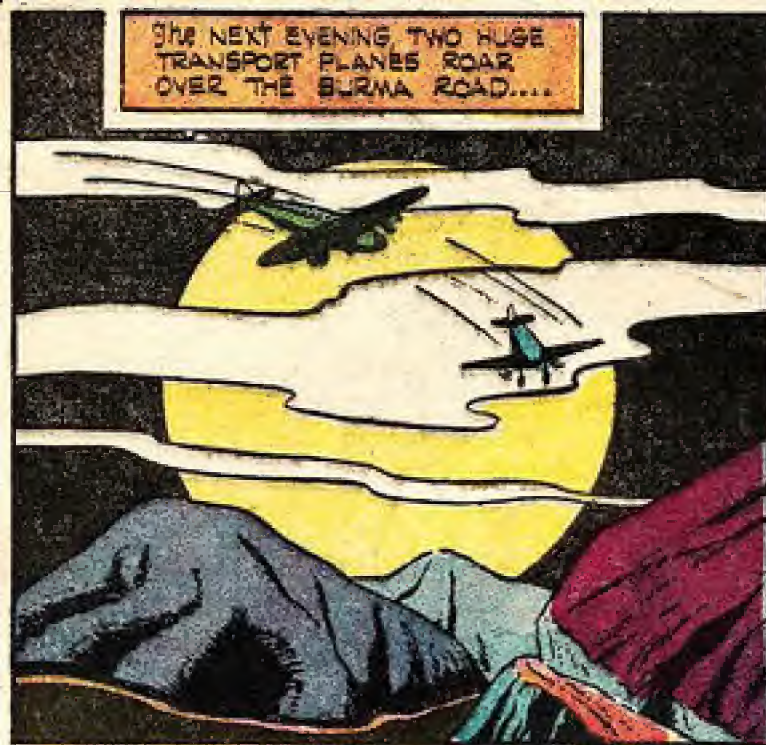
HAIL THE MALLET!

YES, MASTER!

KILL! KILL!

HA! THEY WILL BE SLAUGHTERED LIKE CATTLE AND I SHALL SAY IN MY REPORT THAT THE MEN WENT MAD BY THE PRESENCE OF THE FAIR ONES!

THE NEXT EVENING TWO HUGE
TRANSPORT PLANES ROAR
OVER THE BURMA ROAD....



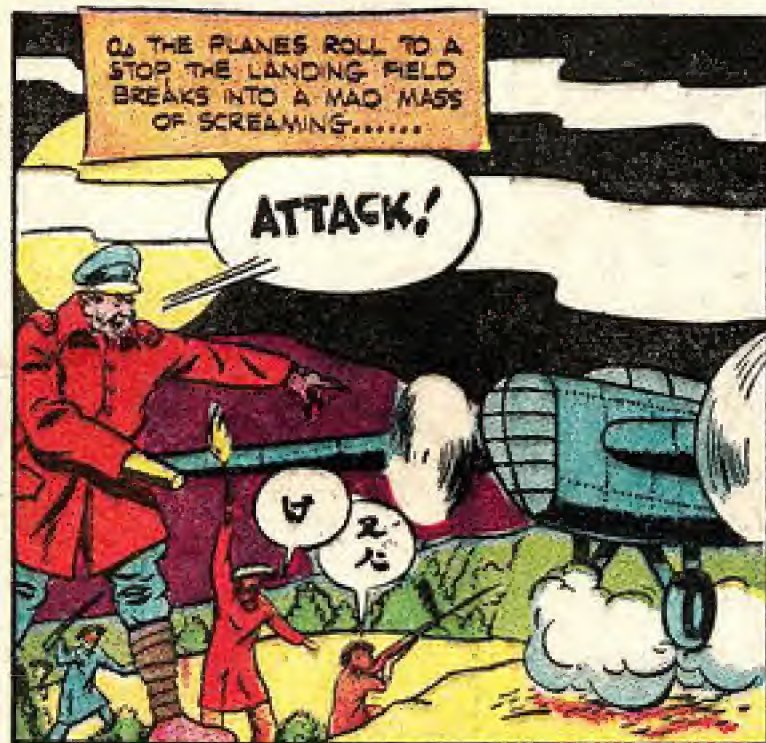
WELL, HEPPY, HERE
WE ARE!! IT CERTAINLY
WILL FEEL GREAT TO
TOUCH GROUND FOR
A CHANGE!!

I'LL SAY! I THOUGHT
DOING TRICKS IN THOSE
TARZAN PICTURES WAS
RISKY, BUT IT'S GOT NOTH-
ING ON DODGING BULLETS
FIVE THOUSAND MILES
FROM HOME!



AS THE PLANES ROLL TO A
STOP THE LANDING FIELD
BREAKS INTO A MAD MASS
OF SCREAMING.....

ATTACK!

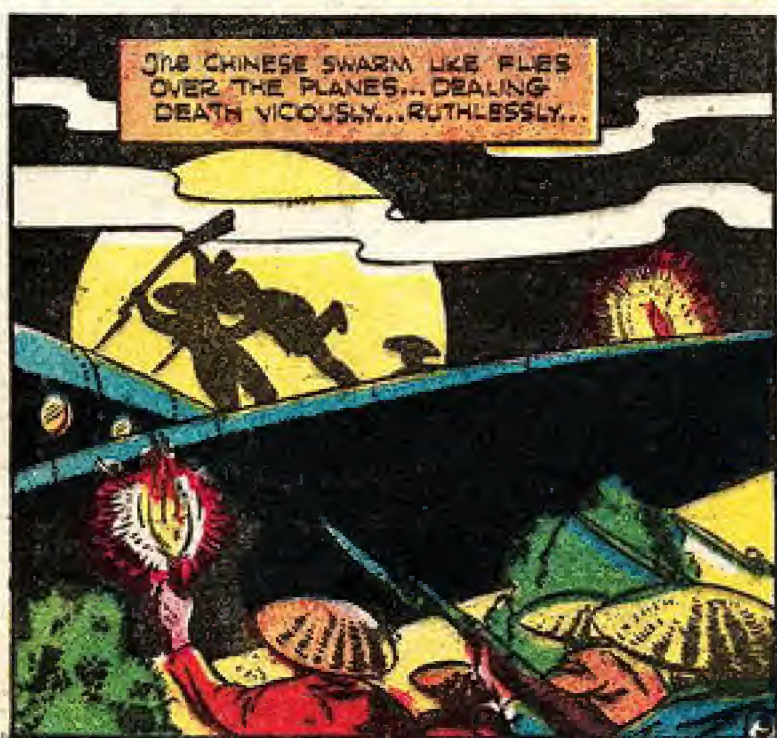


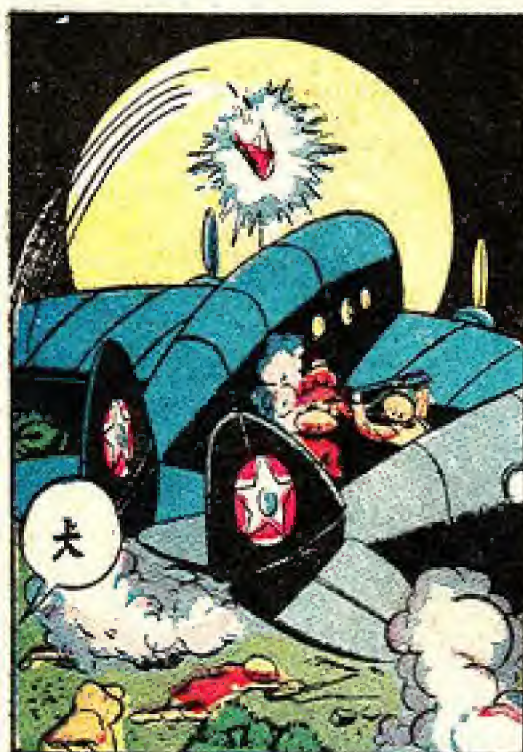
SAY!! THIS
IS SOME
RECEPTION!

RECEPTION NOTHING!!
THEY'RE AFTER OUR
SKINS! GRAB YOUR
ARMS, GIRLS!
FORM A BARRI-
CADE WITH THE
PLANES!



THE CHINESE SWARM LIKE FLIES
OVER THE PLANES... DEALING
DEATH VICIOUSLY... RUTHLESSLY...







HEPPY!

GEE... I CAN'T STOP FOR HER NOW!! I MUST LEAD THE OTHER GIRLS TO SAFETY!



BRING IN THE PRISONERS, TIANG!! WE WILL SEE WHAT THEIR PRETTY TONGUES HAVE TO TELL US! TELL THE MEN TO RETURN TO THE BARRACKS! THE ESCAPED ONES WON'T GET FAR!

YES, MALLETT!!



GO ON, PIE FACE! YOU WOULDN'T RATE A GRADE C PICTURE IN HOLLYWOOD!

FUN, EH MALLETT?



ALL RIGHT, YOU VULTURE! THAT WILL BE ENOUGH!

SONS OF HADES!

PAT!



MEANWHILE A SHORT DISTANCE BACK ABOVE THE BARRACK...

GOOD LORD!! THEY'RE TORTURING THEM! I'M GOING DOWN BELOW AND TAKE A GAMBLE, GIRLS!



WHY...

GOOD WORK, TIANG!

SO SORRY, MISS PATRIOT!



YOU ARE IN GOOD FORM, TIANG!! I THINK MISS PATRIOT SHOULD BE TAUGHT HER MISTAKE BY FIGHTING THE BATTLE OF THE DAGGERS TO-MORROW!!

NEVER BETTER, MALLETT!! I WILL TEASE HER UNTIL DEATH WILL BE SWEET!!

THE NEXT MORNING MALLET AND TIANG HEAD FOR THE DUEL GROUNDS WHICH BUSTLES WITH ACTIVITY FOR THE DUEL OF DEATH.

CUT HER UP SLOWLY UNTIL SHE SCREAMS FOR MERCY! THEN THE CHINESE WILL SEE WHAT COWARDS THE WHITE FACES ARE!! I HAVE SEVERAL JAPANESE SQUADS HIDING IN THE WOODS...WHEN THE CHINESE HAVE RETURNED TO THE BARRACKS, THEY WILL BE CAPTURED QUITE PEACEFULLY....

YOU ARE A GENIUS MALLET!!

QUICKLY TIANG, THE CHAMPION LEAPS TO THE RING... ASSISTANTS STRAP THE RIGHT HAND OF EACH OPPONENT TO THEIR RIGHT LEG... A KNIFE IS GIVEN TO THEM AND THE DUEL BEGINS....

I'VE REMEMBERED READING OF THIS ANCIENT ORIENTAL COMBAT... I WON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THIS TRAINED FIGHTER!

WITH AMAZING SPEED TIANG HOBLES ACROSS THE MAT AND THROWS AT PAT WHO HAS STUMBLER.....

THE FIRST CUT IS ALWAYS THE EASIEST, YOUNG ONE!!

OH!

BUT AS PAT DODGES, SHE SEES SOMETHING THAT MAKES HER EYES WIDEN....

THAT TATTOO!! IT'S WRITTEN IN JAPANESE! WHY THIS MAN'S JAPANESE!!

AND I THINK IF THOSE CHINESE KNEW THINGS WOULD BE DIFFERENT!!

LOOK, LOOK! THESE CHARACTERS ARE IN JAPANESE! HE IS A JAPANESE!

WHITE WOMAN
RIGHT! THIS
MAN IS
JAPANESE!

THE CHINESE ARMY GOES
BERSERK WITH RAGE...MAL-
LET, REALIZING THAT ARGU-
MENT IS USELESS, BLOWS
A WHISTLE.....

IN MINUTES, HIS HIDDEN JAPANESE
SQUADS RESPOND TO THE SIGNAL
BUT THEN, PAT'S GIRLS APPEAR
IN THE REAR....

CAUGHT IN BETWEEN TWO
FIRES, THE JAPANESE OF-
FENSE IS SHORT-LIVED....

HEPPY!
ARE YOU
ALL RIGHT?

YEH, I'M
STILL GOING!!
THEY FORGET
TO CUT MY
TONGUE
OUT!

ONE HOUR LATER...AFTER THE
JAPANESE HAVE BEEN COMPLETE-
LY DESTROYED....

WELL, GIRLS, THIS HAS
BEEN A CRUCIAL TEST
FOR THE DEATH BATTALION!
I'M PROUD OF YOU
ALL!!

HONEY, AFTER
THIS, WRESTLING
WITH THE DEVIL,
WILL BE A
SNAP!

MISS PATRIOT
ONE OF THE
OFFICES WISH-
ES TO SEE
YOU!

MISS PATRIOT,
MEN ALL VELL
SOLLY FOR ACTIONS!
WANT YOU TO LEAD
US FROM NOW
ON!

THANK YOU, GEN-
ERAL...TELL THEM
TO REPORT FOR
TRAINING TO-
MORROW! NOW
THAT THE MALLET
IS DEAD, THINGS
WILL BE DIFF-
ERENT!!

THE "MALLET" IS NOT DEAD,
BUT HAS ESCAPED INTO
THE MOUNTAINS AND IS
NOW FORMING A TERRIBLE
REVENGE ON PAT IN HIS
MIND...WATCH FOR HIS
THRILLING SCHEME IN
NEXT MONTH'S
DAREDEVIL
COMICS!!!



















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